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Army Corps to charge new administrative fee

Jacksonville, Fla. – Beginning January 1, 2006, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division, will begin collecting an administrative fee to issue permits for shoreline facilities/activities at its lakes and along certain federal waterways in the Southeastern United States. Such activities are generally in connection with private use of public lands by landowners adjacent to the lakes. They include private boat docks and land-based support facilities for those docks such as utility lines, steps and walkways.

The administrative fee will cover labor, equipment, material and supply costs the Corps incurs with the issuance, re-issuance or modification of these permits. For a new permit (new activity or new owner of existing activity), the administrative fee will be \$400 for a five-year term, and to re-issue an existing permit to the same owner the fee will be \$175 for the five-year term. To modify an existing permit to the same owner, the fee will be \$90 for the remainder of the five-year term.

The new fee will apply to the following lakes and waterways in Florida: Okeechobee Waterway, Fla. and Lake Seminole on the Georgia-Florida border.

Brigadier General Michael J. Walsh, Regional Commander of the Corps' South Atlantic Division said, "These modest additional fees will allow the Corps to recover its costs for these activities on our lakes and waterways. The money will directly benefit the local project and relieve the taxpayer of this part of our cost of doing business."

Other regions in the Corps already charge this fee. Other fees associated with the Shoreline Management Program are not changing at this time.

For more information contact the Jacksonville District at 1-800-291-9405 or visit the South Atlantic Division's website at: http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/adminfees/default.htm.

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Sidebar:

Where Can I Find More Information?

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